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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents. Applicant also submits

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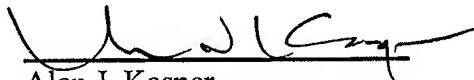
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English language abstracts for JP 2000-294527, JP 2000-269178, JP 2001-179163 and JP 2001-345251. JP 2001-259502 and JP 7-20623 were previously cited in the IDS filed on August 25, 2006.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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